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don't you take about 30 seconds to fill us in on what the bill actually does.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I will, yes, very quickly tell you that LB 858 and LB 834, and LB 893 (sic-963) are actually one bill, all LB 834 and LB 858 were amended into LB 893 (sic-963). Each of the bills has a specific purpose but they are interrelated because they all deal with the National Guard. And LB 858 is a bill that modifies the minimum qualifications for Adjutant General and deputy adjutant general. LB 834 is a bill that reimburses soldiers who are called into duty for more than 31 days to be reimbursed for the insurance that they are obligated to pay if they want to keep their insurance intact. And LB 963 deals with the Civil Relief Act for members of the National Guard. And, basically, that is what the three bills do. And so with that explanation, I appreciate your time. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska, for the review. Senator Beutler, would you like to take a minute and tell us what your amendment, FA1466, does to LB 963.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I understand that committee staff wants to take a broader look at the subject matter of the amendment and I'm sure they can come to some agreeable conclusion on it. And for that reason, I'd wish to withdraw the amendment and take up the matter on Select File.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next item to the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill, Senator Chambers, FA1467. (Legislative Journal page 651.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on FA1467 to LB 963.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm going to read how the amendment appears on the gadget. This goes to the committee amendment, which is AM2348. On page 3, in line 20 strike beginning with the period through the word